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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. I talked to Mr. Ransom by telephone today and told him that you had asked me to acknowledge receipt of his letter; that you understand the circumstances and greatly regret the conditions that made it impossible for him to have checked the final arrangements for the article, etc., etc. He was delighted that you understood and wants you to know how appreciative he is of your understanding and how deep is his regret that he was unable to keep his commitments. He hopes that when he comes to Washington in November maybe he will have an opportunity personally to thank you for your understanding.
3. He offered to run a brief note in the January issue stating that the article had not been contributed but was an edited version of your talk at Yale University. I told him that you, of course, would not insist on this but if he wished to do it for the record, I thought it would be a very good thing.
4. I also phoned Dixon Donnelley on the President's Committee on Scientists and Engineers and told him that you appreciated Mr. Bevis' letter but that the matter had been settled and no action on the part of the President's Committee on Scientists and Engineers was necessary. Donnelley was pleased that it was settled and also to learn, for the first time, of Mr. Bevis' letter to you; it should have gone through Donnelley but got out of the office without his knowing about it.
5. I think this closes the issue all around and that you have gained the admiration as well as the respect of Mr. Ransom.

STANLEY J. GREGAN

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